IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 33-35, and amend the claims as follows:

1. Cancelled.

2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for use with a downhole pumping system to facilitate fluid flow in a tubular, comprising:

a subsurface valve for regulating fluid flow through the tubular, the subsurface valve having a bore in fluid communication with the tubular; and

a connection member for supplying energy to the downhole pumping system, wherein a portion of the connection member traverses the bore of the subsurface valve and the connection member is capable of supplying energy to the downhole pumping system when the subsurface valve is closed ~~is disposed in the bore and the valve integrity is maintained~~.

3. Cancelled.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a locking mandrel for engaging the tubular.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a tubing insert for transporting fluid to surface.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein a portion of the connection member is disposed in an annulus defined by the tubing insert and the tubular.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising at least one electrical adapter for routing the connection member between an exterior and an interior of the valve.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the valve mates with an existing valve nipple of the tubular.

9. – 10. Cancelled.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein a portion of the bore is offset relative to a central axis of the valve.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising a liquid conduit extending from the valve to the pumping system.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein an annulus is defined by the liquid conduit and the tubular.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein a second portion of the connection member is disposed in the annulus.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein gas flows up the annulus and the liquid flows up the liquid conduit.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the liquid and the gas are mixed before entering the safety valve.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the tubular comprises a production tubing.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the connection member is selected from the group consisting of cable, electric wire, tubing, and rod.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of removing liquid from a well having a production tubing, comprising:

installing a valve in the production tubing, wherein the valve is adapted to open or close fluid communication through the production tubing;

locating a pumping system below the valve; ~~and~~

providing a connection member in the production tubing to supply energy to operate the pumping system, the connection member traversing an interior portion of the valve and is adapted to supply energy to the pumping system when the valve is closed ~~wherein the integrity of the safety valve is maintained~~; and

supplying energy to the pumping system to remove liquid from the well.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising transporting liquid to the valve through a liquid conduit.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 21, further comprising mixing the liquid with gas before entering the valve.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein installing the valve and locating the pumping system is performed in one trip.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising removing a pre-existing valve before installing the ~~safety~~ valve.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein at least a portion of the connection member is disposed in the valve.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising routing the connection member from the exterior of the valve to the interior of the ~~safety~~ valve.

27. - 28. Cancelled.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising integrating the connection member with the valve.

30. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the connection member comprises a cable.

31. - 37. Cancelled.

Please add the following new claims:

38. (New) A method of actuating a downhole tool disposed in a tubular, comprising:

locating a valve in the tubular upstream from the downhole tool, the valve having:

a first end and a second end; and

a closure member adapted to block fluid communication in the tubular;

traversing a connection member in the interior of the valve from the first end to the second end;

maintaining the closure member in operation; and

supplying energy downstream to the downhole tool.

39. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising integrating the connection member with the valve.

40. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising closing the closure member while supplying energy downstream.

41. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising closing the closure member in response to a pressure surge.

42. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the valve and the downhole tool is lowered into the tubular in a single trip.

43. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the downhole tool comprises a pump.

44. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the valve is connected to pre-existing valve nipple of the tubular.

45. (New) The method of claim 38, further comprising providing a fluid conduit extending from the valve to the downhole tool.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein an annulus is defined by the fluid conduit and the tubular.

47. (New) The method of claim 46, further comprising flowing gas up the annulus and flowing liquid up the fluid conduit.

48. (New) The method of claim 47, further comprising mixing the gas and the liquid before entering the safety valve.

49. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the connection member comprises cable.

50. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein the tubular comprises production tubing.